



CODE OF ORDINANCES

TOWN OF GARRETT PARK

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

1996 Edition

Including amendments through 30 May 2008

ADOPTION OF THE GARRETT PARK TOWN CODE

Section 1. There is hereby adopted by the Council of the Town of Garrett Park the code entitled “Code of Ordinances, Town of Garrett Park, 1996 Edition,” containing certain ordinances of a general and permanent nature as compiled, consolidated and codified in Chapters 1 through 10 inclusive.

Section 2. The provisions of this Code shall be in force twenty days after its passage.

Section 3. Upon the taking effect of the Code hereby adopted, all ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted before the effective date of this Code shall be and hereby are repealed, except such as are by reference thereto or expressly saved from repeal or continued in force and effect for any purpose.

Section 4. The repeal provided for in the Section 3 of this ordinance shall not affect any offence or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any contract or right established or accruing before the enactment date; nor shall it affect any prosecution, suit or proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the enactment date; nor shall such repeal affect any ordinance or resolution promising or guaranteeing the payment of money for the Town or authorizing the issue of any bonds of the Town or any evidence of the Town’s indebtedness or any contract or obligation assumed by the Town; nor shall it affect the annual tax levy; nor shall it affect any right or franchise conferred by ordinance or resolution of the Town on any person or corporation; nor shall it affect any ordinance adopted for purposes that have been consummated; nor shall it affect any ordinance that is temporary although general in effect, or special although permanent in effect; nor shall it affect any ordinance relating to the salaries of the Town officers or employees; nor shall it affect any ordinance naming, renaming, opening, closing, accepting or vacating streets or alleys in the Town; nor shall it affect any ordinance adopted after the enactment date; nor shall it repeal or affect the validity of resolutions adopted by the Council which are in full force and effect as of the date of adoption of this ordinance; nor shall it revive any ordinance, or part thereof, which has been repealed by an ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

Section 5. Any and all additions or amendments to this Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the Town to make the same a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated in such Code so that reference to the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Garrett Park, 1996 edition, shall be understood and intended to include such additions and amendments.

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Section 6. A copy of this Code shall be kept on file at the Town office and will include all additions and amendments thereto. The Code shall be available for all persons desiring to examine the same.

Section 7. In the case of the amendment to any section of this Code for which a penalty is not provided, the general penalty as provided in Chapter 1 of this Code, shall apply to the section as amended; or in case such amendment contains provisions for which a penalty, other than the aforementioned general penalty, is provided in another section in the same article, the penalty so provided in such other section of the article shall be held to relate to the section so amended unless such penalty is specifically repealed therein.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to change or amend by additions or deletions any part or portion of this Code, or to insert or to delete pages or portions thereof, or to alter or tamper with this Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the Town to be misrepresented thereby. Any person, firm, or corporation violating this section shall be punished as provided in the Town Charter.

Section 9. Typographical and grammatical errors may be corrected in the printing of the Garrett Park Town Code without the necessity of a further amending ordinance.

[Ordinance 1996-01; 03/11/96]

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